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Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are papers in the above-identified application.

Amendment and Response.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The additional fee is calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	154	MINUS	120=	34	x9	\$306	x18	\$
INDEP.	7	MINUS	3=	4	x42	\$168	x84	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+140	\$0	+280	\$
		TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE		\$474		\$		

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is attached for the extension of time fee.

 $\overline{\boxtimes}$ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-0980. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 12, 2003.

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